



MEMOIRS FROM THE TRENCHES

Portfolio Project #4

In this project, you will pretend to be an American soldier fighting in WWI on the Western Front. The assignment is to write your experiences either in a letter home or in a diary. Your writing should reflect knowledge of the war as well as your feeling about the war and your experiences in the trenches.

Your writing should include all of the following:

- what caused the war
(from the American point of view)
- who was fighting who in this war
- how the allied soldiers (on our side) felt about you being there
- why you, an American, are fighting in this war
- the date (be careful here!)
- the conditions in the trenches
- the strategies of trench warfare
- description of your exact location and what it looks like, and perhaps what it probably looked like before the war
(here's an opportunity for a '6' - research a specific battle site or location..)
- food, leaflets, weapons, etc...

For special effect, include a map of where you are located, poetry, anything that adds to the authenticity of the writing. **The writing should be done on "antiqued paper" and in black ink (no blue ink back then!).**